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Jobless rates up in 61 counties from March 2009 to March 2010

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EDITOR'S NOTE: March's preliminary and February's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/Mar10charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 22, 2010) — Unemployment rates rose in 61 Kentucky counties between March 2009 and March 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 8 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 8.3 percent; Boyd County and Calloway counties, 8.7 percent each; Madison County, 8.8 percent; Oldham County, 9 percent; Franklin and Rowan counties, 9.1 percent each; and Jessamine, McCracken and Warren counties, 9.2 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 20.8 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 19 percent; Menifee County, 18.7 percent; Bath County, 17.4 percent; Powell County, 16.9 percent; Grayson County, 15.9 percent; Edmonson and Wolfe counties, 15.8 percent each; Lewis County, 15.7 percent; and Morgan County, 15.6 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and

unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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